

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 18, 2006

In response to the non-final office action mailed on July 18, 2006, the response period of which is extended to January 18, 2006 by the accompanying petition for extension of time, please consider the following remarks and the enclosed Rule 131 declaration.